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LOK SABHA

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WTO TEXTILE AGREEMENT
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether China and America has signed textiles agreement under WTO; and

(b) If so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure that Indian textiles industry is not affected by it?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) Yes, Sir. China and USA have signed an agreement on textiles and clothing in November, 2005 in order to limit Chinese exports of textiles and clothing to USA over the period 2006-08. The agreement is a bilateral one signed under the China's Protocol of Accession to WTO.

(b) The Indian exporters have been advised to take advantage of the available opportunities arising out of temporary restrictions imposed by the USA against Chinese supply in specified categories of products before the agreement comes to an end at the end of year 2008.